



CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR INTERPROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC HOMELESS PATIENT ALIGNED CARE TEAM

Information for Nurse Practitioner Residency Applicants

This 12 month post-graduate residency in primary care for homeless Veterans is an innovative program that started in 2016 at the Greater Los Angeles VA's Center of Excellence for Interprofessional Academic Patient Aligned Care Teams (CoE IA HPACT). The purpose of the CoE IA HPACT is to further develop the primary care clinical and professional skills necessary to achieve competence in caring for homeless Veterans as a member of an interprofessional PACT team within the VA healthcare system.

Mission Statement

The CoE IA HPACT will train the next generation of health professionals to care for vulnerable patients in a way that builds patients' self-efficacy while meeting their social, psychological, and physical needs, with empathy and teamwork.

History

The VA Office of Academic Affiliations began funding 5 Academic Patient Aligned Care Teams in 2011 to meet the challenge of training healthcare professionals to work together in a Patient Centered Medical Home model primary care setting in support of Veteran health. Greater Los Angeles is one of 2 sites in the second phase. The 7 sites work together to advance training of the primary care provided to Veterans.

Training Experiences, Supervision and Didactics

The clinical experience will include managing the primary care of homeless Veterans in a supportive team as well as a rotation in street medicine and other electives to augment advanced clinical knowledge. Residents will be mentored by interprofessional faculty to achieve professional competencies in homeless care, primary care-mental health integration, humanism, leadership, and teamwork. Didactic sessions will be held weekly. Trainees will participate in developing the CoE IA HPACT including teaching other professional and junior team members, case presentations, program development/ evaluation, and applying new quality improvement skills to projects.

Eligibility

NP Resident applicants need to have graduated from an accredited Nursing school within a year of starting the program. They must also hold national board certification, and hold a CA NP license or within 90 days after starting the CoE Program. Residents

cannot have worked as an NP. Residents must be able to start approximately the first of September.

Accreditation Status

Our NP residency program is not currently accredited. We have begun the process of applying for accreditation.

Stipend

\$82K/2080 hours

Leave, Time, and Attendance

Tour of duty is generally 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday. Elective times may vary.

- 10 paid federal holidays per year
- Accrual of 4 hours annual leave (vacation) and 4 hours of sick leave for each 2 week pay period worked (up to 104 hours each of sick leave and annual leave per year).

How to Apply

Please email your curriculum vitae, personal statement, and cover letter to Kristin Kopelson at Kristin.kopelson@va.gov. Include pertinent background, particular qualifications you bring to the program, professional goals both short-term and in 5 years, and how you plan to utilize this training. Your application must be received by February 1st of the year you are applying.

Selection Process

We will interview the strongest applicants. Offers will be extended as soon as committee consensus is reached. Once an offer is made, applicants will be asked to accept, decline, or hold. Positions may be held for 48 hours but we ask you notify us of a decision as soon as feasible.

For More Information

See what is happening at the Centers of Excellence in Primary Care Education at <http://www.va.gov/OAA/coepce/index.asp>. Questions? Contact Kristin Kopelson at 310-478-3711 ext. 43116

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